Performance of Navratna and Mini-Navratna

2716. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the performance of Navratna and Mini-Navratna Public Sector Enterprises during the last three years;

(b) whether their performance justifies their continuence as Navratna and Mini-Navratna enterprises;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) if not, whether Government propose to remove those from the list of Navratnas and Mini-Navratnas; and

(e) whether Government propose to accord Maharatna status to a few PSUs which performed well after the autonomy was granted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) The performance of all Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) including Navratna and Miniratna PSEs for the last three years is given in the Public Enterprises Survey-2000-2001, laid on the Table of the House on 7.3.2002.

(b) to (d) The Government has created an institutional mechanism for the review of the performance of Navratna and Miniratna enterprises, grant of status of Navratna to new PSEs and divestment of their status, as the case may be. An Apex Committee has been constituted for this purpose for which instructions have been issued on 15.3.2002. The format for reviewing the performance of Navratnas and Miniratna PSEs has since been drawn up. All the administrative Ministries/Departments have been asked to advise the Navratna and Miniratna PSEs under their administrative control to complete the format and forward it to the Department of Public Enterprises through the administrative Ministry/ Department.

(e) Presently there is no proposal to accord Maharatna status to any PSE. As a part of review of grant of enhanced autonomy, the idea of Maharatna status for large profit making PSEs was only discussed.